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We request a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. 1.322, to correct **Claim 1** which was incorrectly listed at column 10, line 4, as: "... network while restricting the maximum" Please change the same to read: "... network while changing the maximum"

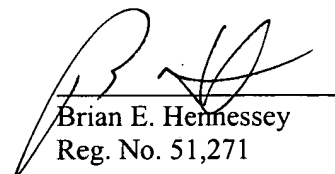
Please also correct claim 8 which was incorrectly listed at column 10, line 64, as: "... network while restricting the maximum" Please change the same to read: "... network while changing the maximum"

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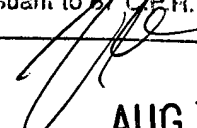
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Claim 1 column 10, line 4: "-restricting-" should be changed to "--changing--".

Claim 8 column 10, line 64: "-restricting-" should be changed to "--changing--".

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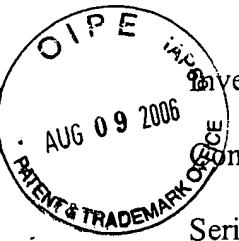


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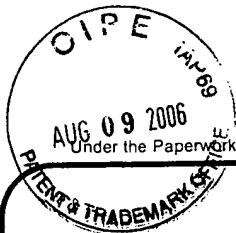
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.(currently amended): An Internet telephone system having an Internet network for transferring voice information in the form of a voice packet which is transmitted from a voice communications terminal incorporating a voice communications function, and transferring data in the form of a data packet which are transmitted from a data communications terminal incorporating a data communications function, said system comprising:

 a first detecting unit for detecting a transition of a call-out state of said voice communications terminal;

 a packet assembling unit for assembling, when said first detecting unit detects the transition of the call-out state of said voice communications terminal, a control packet containing indication information for changing, to a predetermined limit value, a maximum length of each of the data packets transferred via said Internet network; and

 a first routing unit for routing, when receiving the control packet containing the indication information, each of the data packets and the voice packet to said Internet network while ~~restricting~~ changing the maximum length of the data packet to the predetermined limit value.

2.(original): An Internet telephony system according to claim 1, further comprising a second routing unit for preferentially routing the voice packet to said Internet network under the condition that said first routing unit routes the data packet in accordance with the predetermined limit value.

3.(previously amended): An Internet telephony system according to claim 1, wherein said first routing unit, when receiving the control packet, fragments the data packet having a length exceeding the predetermined limit value in order to route each of the data packets to said Internet network in accordance with the predetermined limit value.

4.(previously amended): An Internet telephony system according to claim 1, further comprising a second detecting unit for detecting an end-of-communications state of said voice communications terminal.

5.(original): An Internet telephony system according to claim 4, wherein when said second detecting unit detects the end-of-communications state of said voice communications terminal, said packet assembling unit assembles a control packet containing indication information in order for said first routing unit to make each of the data packets transferable to said Internet network up to the maximum length.

6.(original): An Internet telephony system according to claim 5, wherein each of the voice packet, the data packet and the control packet takes the form of an Internet Protocol packet.

7.(currently amended): An Internet telephony system according to claim 6, wherein said first and second detecting units and said packet assembling unit are provided in a gateway for converting the voice information transmitted from said voice communications terminal into a packet in accordance with the Internet Protocol, and

said first routing unit and a second routing unit are provided in a router for routing

the Internet Protocol packet to said Internet network.

8.(currently amended): A method of controlling a packet transfer in an Internet telephone system having an Internet network for transferring voice information in the form of a voice packet which is transmitted from a voice communications terminal incorporating a voice communications function, and transferring data in the form of a data packet which are transmitted from a data communications terminal incorporating a data communications function, said method comprising:

a first step of detecting a transition of a call-out state of said voice communications terminal;

a second step of assembling, when detecting the transition of the call-out state of said voice communications terminal, a control packet containing indication information for changing, to a predetermined limit value, a maximum length of each of the data packets transferred via said Internet network; and

a third step of routing, when receiving the control packet containing the indication information, each of the data packets and the voice packet to said Internet network while ~~restricting~~ changing the maximum length of the data packet to the predetermined limit value.

9.(original): A method of controlling a packet transfer according to claim 8, further comprising a fourth step of preferentially routing the voice packet to said Internet network under the condition that the data packet is routed in accordance with the predetermined limit value in said third step.

10.(previously amended): A method of controlling a packet transfer according to claim 8, further comprising a fifth step of detecting an end-of-communications state of said voice communications terminal.

11.(original): A method of controlling a packet transfer according to claim 10, further comprising a sixth step of assembling, when the end-of-communications state of said voice communications terminal is detected in said fifth step, a control packet containing indication information for making each of the data packets transferable to said Internet network up to the maximum length.

12.(previously added): An Internet telephony system according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined limit value is smaller than the maximum length of the data packet.

13.(previously added): A method of controlling a packet transfer according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined limit value is smaller than the maximum length of the data packet.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are rejected.

In claims 1 and 8, to clarify the scope of claims, “restricting” has been amended to “changing” the maximum length of the data packet to the predetermined limit value.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Engel, et al. (Engel) in view of DePrycker, et al (DePrycker). Claim 3 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engel, in view of Kikinis (U.S. 6,289,389).

Applicant’s claims 1 and 8 refer to the first routing unit changing a maximum length of each of the data packets to the predetermined limit value and routing the data packets and voice packets that were changed to the Internet network.

The Office Action, in the “response to arguments” section, asserts that the “restricting” may reasonably be understood to mean the system preventing a packet of a certain length from passing through.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claim is different from the cited reference because, as pointed out above, applicant’s changing the maximum length of the data packet to the predetermined limit value is different from whether or not the router passes through any packets over a certain length because Applicant’s claim relates to changing (including fragmenting or dividing) the data packet to the predetermined limit value. As previously pointed out this feature is supported by applicant’s specification for example, page 14, lines 11-25 and page 18 starting line 7.

For example, the present invention is characterized by a routing unit changing the maximum length of the data packet to the predetermined limit value, when receiving the control packet containing the indication information for changing a maximum length of each of the data packets to a predetermined limit value and routing the changed packets and voice packets to the Internet network.

In contrast to the recited “notifying it not to pass through any packets over a certain length.” Applicant claims “while changing the maximum length of the data packet to the predetermined limit value”.

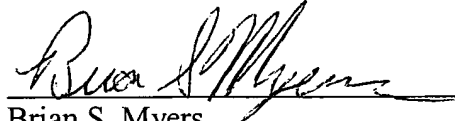
It is respectfully submitted applicant’s claims 1 and 8 recite distinguishing features not suggested nor disclosed in the combination of cited Engel in view of DePrycker. Further the reference Kikinis fails to teach changing the length of a data packet and does not suggest routing via the Internet. Applicant’s dependent claims are likewise in condition for allowance for at least the foregoing reasons and because the each recite additional features.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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